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(h) whether it is a fact that all those who pay an assessment of over Rs. 50 have been declared not entitled to any remission, regardless of the extent of damage suffered?

A.—(a) Some statistics are available.

(b) 12,360 houses.

(c) to (e) Statistics are not available.

(f) to (h) The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 14, paragraph 10, which applies to the case in question.

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, the answer given to clauses (c) to (e) is that the statistics are not available. Are they not available in the Secretariat, or in South Kanara itself?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Not available in the Secretariat, Sir."

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the statistics?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Yes, Sir, Government will call for them."

Floods in the Tinnevelly district.

292 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of loss, if any, of human life, due to the recent floods in Tinnevelly district;

(b) the amount of loss of cattle;

(c) the amount of loss of property, private or public, including standing crops and tanks;

(d) any relief measures which the Government have undertaken or propose to undertake;

(e) whether any remissions of land revenue have been or will be granted to the sufferers; and

(f) whether any special officer has been deputed to study and report on the situation?

A.—(a) to (e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 152.

(f) No.

Floods in the Tinnevelly district.

293 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of damage done to person and property in the recent floods in Tinnevelly district?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 152.

Famine.

Famine conditions in the Salem district.

294 Q.—Rao Sahib S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that famine conditions prevail in most parts of Salem district owing to failure of the monsoon;

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(2) if so, whether they have any intention to open relief measures in the district as contemplated in the Famine Code; and

(3) whether in view of the total failure of pasture and fodder and consequent deaths among cattle any orders have been issued to open all forest reserves as a special measure of relief for grazing cattle?

A.—(1) & (2) Famine conditions do not exist at present in any part of the Salem district. The conditions in parts of Hosur, Dharmapuri and Omalur taluks are causing some anxiety and the situation is being watched carefully.

(3) There is difficulty in the matter of obtaining sufficient pasture and fodder for cattle. To meet the situation, closed reserves have been thrown open for grazing subject to the condition that the concession is confined to ploughing cattle.

Hard conditions prevailing in the Coimbatore district.

295 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether any reports have been received from the Collector and the Board of Revenue about the hard conditions prevailing in the greater part of the Coimbatore district; and if so, to lay them on the table;

(2) whether the Government have received memorials from the people of the district;

(3) what steps the Government are going to take to meet the situation; and

(4) whether the Government would adopt the following among other remedies:—

- (a) postponement of the collection of kist in the area affected;
- (b) remission of taxes where there has been no crop harvested; and
- (c) recommendation to Railway Companies to levy reduced rates of fare for fodder, etc.?

A.—(1) Yes. An extract from the report is printed as an appendix.*

(2) The Government have received reports from several Members of the Legislative Council.

(3) After receiving the further report promised by the Collector the Revenue Member himself hopes to visit the district.

(4) The proposal will be considered when the facts are more clearly ascertained.

Famine conditions in Madanapalle.

296 Q.—MR. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that famine conditions prevail in the Madanapalle division of Chittoor district; and

(2) if the answer to clause (1) is in the affirmative, what steps the Government propose to take?

A.—The Government have no information, but have called for a report for the whole district.

* Printed as Appendix I on pages 442-443 infra.